GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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FREE TEXT BOOKS UNDER SSA
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)whether various State Governments, including Karnataka have sought financial assistance for providing free text books to the students under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b)if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto, State-wise;

(c)the time by when the requisite assistance is likely to be provided to the State Governments; and

(d)the steps being taken by the Union Government to ensure proper utilization of financial assistance by the State Governments, including Karnataka?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (d) Under the scheme "Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan", an amount of Rs. 768.79 Crores has been sanctioned for supply for free textbooks to 6.91 crore eligible children in 2007-08. State/ Union Territory (UT) wise information is Annexed. States/UTs have been requested to ensure timeliness in distribution of free textbooks to eligible children and a system of monitoring has also been put in place.